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SUBJ: CALL ON CEROILFOOD

1. IN INITIAL CALL ON CHINA NATIONAL CEREALS, OILS AND  
FOODSTUFFS IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION (CEROILFOODS)  
AUGUST 25, AGOFFICER ACCOMPANIED BY ACTING CHIEF WAS  
RECEIVED BY THE DEPUTY MANAGER IMPORT DEPARTMENT, SHIH  
YUN-CHING, AND TSAI PEI-KANG, AS INTERPRETER. THE  
DISCUSSION WAS CORDIAL AND RELAXED. MR. TSAI INDICATED  
THAT HE WOULD ACCOMPANY A DELEGATION TO THE US LED  
BY PU CHIN-HSIN, ALSOA DEPUTY MANAGER OF IMPORT DEPARTMENT.  
THIS DELEGATION IS VISITING THE US AT THE INVITATION OF  
A US GRAIN FIRM TO OBSERVE US PORT FACILITIES AND GRAIN  
INSPECTION.

2. IN RESPONDING TO OUR EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR CONTINUED  
AND INCREASED US WHEAT TRADE, MR. SHIH POINTED OUT THAT  
HIS DEPARTMENT ALSO HANDLED SOYBEAN OIL AND TALLOW  
IMPORTS AND IN A MILD BUT OBVIOUSLY PREMEDITATED  
MANNER STRESSED THE NEED FOR MAINTAINING QUALITY. NO  
MENTION WAS MADE OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AS A  
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PREREQUISITE. MR. SHIH INDICATED THAT WHILE SOYBEAN  
OIL WAS IMPORTED IT WAS DIFFICULT TO IMPORT BEANS,  
AS CHINA WAS A TRADITIONAL EXPORTER. HE REFERRED  
TO AUSTRALIA AS CHINA'S HISTORICAL AND NATURAL SUPPLIER  
OF TALLOW.

3. MR. SHIH WAS ASSURED THAT THE USG AND PARTICULARLY

THE USDA WAS VITALLY INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF US FARM EXPORTS AND THAT EXPANDED COMMUNICATIONS WERE VITAL TO THIS EFFORT. AREAS OF EXPANDED COMMUNICATIONS RAISED AND ENCOURAGED BY USLO OFFICERS INCLUDED VISITS BY CEROILFOOD AND OTHER AGENCY OFFICIALS TO THE US; RECENT PRCLO/FAS DISCUSSIONS AND CEROILFOOD/USLO CONTACTS. MR. SHIH INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE USDA MATERIAL FROM USLO AND STATED THAT IT WAS VERY USEFUL TO MEET WITH USLO OFFICERS. HE INDICATED THAT THERE WAS SOME TCK PROBLEM IN RECENT SHIPMENTS AND THAT NECESSARY TREATMENT WAS COSTLY AND TIME CONSUMING.

4. MR. SHIH DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ON 1978 WHEAT AND SUMMER GRAIN PRODUCTION IN A SPECIFIC MANNER BUT ALLUDED TO THE OVERWHELMING IMPORTANCE OF WHEAT NORTH OF THE YANGTZE AND EARLY RICE SOUTH OF THE YANGTZE AND INDICATED THAT IT WAS HIS GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT WHEAT PRODUCTION WAS ABOVE THE 1977 LEVEL.

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